



Biography

PORTLAND REGION DIRECTOR MARK PHILLIPS



Mark Phillips serves as the Portland Region Director at the National Indian Gaming Commission. As Region Director, he is responsible for the technical assistance, training and compliance at 54 Indian gaming facilities owned and operated by 48 federally recognized tribes located in the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Prior to becoming Region Director in July 2008, Phillips was a Field Investigator at the NIGC for three years. Before joining the NIGC, Phillips spent 26 years in law enforcement. He started with the Multnomah County Sheriff's office in Oregon from 1979 until 1983. In October 1983, he joined the Oregon State Police and served in various capacities. Phillips was also part of a team of experts that implement the Automated Finger Print Identification System in the western United States. In 1996, he joined the newly-created OSD Tribal Gaming Section during the early introduction of Class III tribal gaming in Oregon. In 2002, he assisted in the establishment of the inter-agency task force focused on tobacco tax diversion schemes and product smuggling.

Phillips graduated from the Board on Police Standards and Training Academy in 1979 at the Oregon College of Education in Monmouth, Ore. He is also a graduate of the Oregon State Police Academy and in addition to three years of course work in Optical Technology and Criminology education. He has completed specialized Criminal Science education courses at the FBI Training Academy in Quantico, Va.

The [National Indian Gaming Commission](#) is committed to the prompt and efficient regulation of the Indian gaming industry, which spans more than 420 gaming establishments, associated with nearly 240 tribes across 28 states. The Commission's dedication to compliance with the [Indian Gaming Regulatory Act](#) ensures the integrity of the \$27 billion Indian gaming industry. For more information, visit www.nigc.gov.